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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2720

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, TW

SUBJECT: REPORTED OIL DISCOVERY IN TAIWAN STRAIT

REF: A) STATE 182465, B) TAIPEI 4271

1. NO REPEAT NO DEPOSITS OF OIL HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN TAIWAN STRAIT WEST OF KAOHSIUNG. ARTICLE IN AUGUST 15 "HSIN SHENG PAO" (HSP) REFERRED TO IN FBIS DAILY REPORT WAS EMBELLISHMENT OF INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, NAMELY, THAT AMOCO TEST WELL HAS REVEALED PRESENCE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF NATURAL GAS AND THAT DRILLING WILL CONTINUE TO DETERMINE IF FIELD IS LARGE ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY EXPLOITATION.

2. CONFUSION MAY HAVE OCCURRED BECAUSE OF INAPPROPRIATE TRANSLATION OF CHINESE CHARACTERS IN HSP ARTICLE. LITERAL TRANSLATION IS "PETROLEUM GAS". TRANSLATOR MAY HAVE TAKEN WORDS TO MEAN OIL AND NOT NATURAL GAS, THE MEANING THAT WAS INTENDED.

3. EMBASSY KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH OFFICIALS OF AMOCO, CPC AND OTHER CONCESSION HOLDERS AND WILL REPORT PROMPTLY ANY NEW INFORMATION ON PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

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